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Title : **METHOD OF PRODUCING A JOINTLESS  
AND POROUS GRANULAR COVERING,  
AND GRANULAR COVERING PRODUCED  
BY THIS METHOD**

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.